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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
506A White Horse Pike
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of December 19, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Mayor Bruce Ware, Pitman, New Jersey. Mayor Ware expresses concern that the Commission's proposal to assign channel 21 to a television station currently licensed to Vineland, New Jersey, would have a severe financial impact on the Borough of Pitman, as the Borough would need to replace its existing public safety radio equipment at considerable expense.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ~~MM~~ Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

We will also include a copy of your letter in MM Docket No. 87-268. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith
Chief
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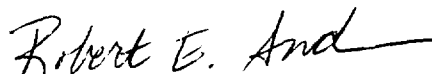
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write to you on behalf of Mayor Bruce Ware, Borough of Pitman, 110 So. Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding an FCC proposal which would effect the reassignment of Channel 21 to the broadcast industry. The Borough of Pitman strongly opposes the proposal.

I would appreciate if you would afford Mayor Ware all due consideration under the law in his efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise him accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



ROBERT E. ANDREWS
Member of Congress

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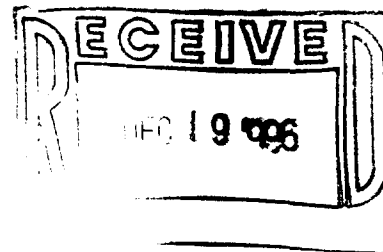
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November 27, 1996

The Honorable Robert Andrews
United States Representative
63 North Broadway
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Dear Congressman Andrews:

RE: Bruce Ware, Mayor
Borough of Pitman
110 So. Broadway
Pitman, NJ 08071



I am enclosing copies of a self-explanatory letter I recently received from Bruce Ware, Mayor of Pitman Borough concerning a proposal by the FCC which would effect the reassignment of Channel 21, to the broadcast industry.

While I can appreciate Mayor Ware's concerns, as a state legislator, I am unable to directly affect those matters that are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

I would be most appreciative if you would review this situation to insure that the concerns expressed by Mayor Ware are thoroughly addressed.

Please forward any pertinent information or correspondence concerning this matter to the attention of my legislative aide, Perri.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Dalton", written in a cursive style.

Sean F. Dalton

Assemblyman, Fourth District

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enclosure
cc: Bruce Ware

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RESOLUTION

NO. 110 , 1996

**AGAINST PROPOSED CHANGES TO EMERGENCY
SERVICES RADIO FREQUENCIES**

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman are aware of a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to develop high definition digital television; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would assign a second TV channel to each existing TV station, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would have a severe financial impact on the Borough of Pitman as the Borough would need to replace it's existing radio equipment at considerable expense;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman that we are opposed to this proposal by the FCC which we believe represents an unfunded mandate to the Borough of Pitman.

BOROUGH OF PITMAN

By

Bruce Ware
BRUCE WARE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jay Todd

JAY TODD, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

(S E A L)

I, Jay Todd, Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Pitman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman at a meeting of Mayor and Council held on the 11th day of November, 1996.

Jay Todd
JAY TODD, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR